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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

Stanford Chinese Collection


1. Foreign Documents Branch recently returned to the Hoover Library, Stanford University, the bulk of the Chinese documents made available to Central Intelligence Agency as the result of [] screening activities in conjunction with the "Sunshine" project. 50X1
2. This action was made necessary upon receipt of a letter dated 13 November 1947 by Foreign Documents Branch from the Librarian of the Hoover Library that the Chinese material forwarded to Washington is urgently required for academic purposes.
3. To date, the following exploitation stages has been accomplished by Foreign Documents Branch in cooperation with China Section, ORE:
 - a. Based on a CD requirement from ORE, an annotated bibliographical list of the important Chinese documents was prepared by Foreign Documents Branch.
 - b. This annotated list was used by ORE as the basis for a project now in the hands of Foreign Documents Branch involving the exploitation of nineteen (19) documents. These nineteen documents represent the "cream" of the entire Chinese collection to be exploited in detail by Foreign Documents Branch. China Desk, ORE, has assured Foreign Documents Branch that no further requirements will be submitted on the remaining Stanford documents in the foreseeable future.
4. The entire Chinese collection was returned to Stanford with the exception of:
 - a. The aforementioned nineteen (19) documents to fulfill existing requirements.
 - b. The Communist newspaper files for temporary retention by Foreign Documents Branch in expectancy of a requirement.
 - c. Some current Communist Periodicals and sundry maps, and pamphlets.

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5. It is recommended that pertinent information involving the return of the Chinese collection be forwarded to Dr. Babbitt, ORE, inasmuch as the original loan of the collection from Stanford involved both ORE and OO.
6. It is further recommended that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Dr. H. H. Fisher, Acting, Chairman of Directors, Hoover Library on War, Revolution and Peace and Mr. Philip T. McLean, Librarian, Hoover Library on War, Revolution and Peace. *See drafts attached.*

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